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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, PROP, CH, TW, MY

SUBJECT: GOM REQUEST FOR INFO ON TAIWAN SEAMEN DEFECTORS

1. DURING A CALL BY VISITING AMCONSUL HONG KONG
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER LEVIN JAN. 20, UNDERSECRETARY
RAZALI ISMAIL OF MFA ASKED IF THE USG HAD ANY INFOR-
MATION ON SEAMEN FROM TAIWAN REQUESTING
REPATRIATION TO THE PRC. ACCORDING TO RAZALI,
SINCE NOVEMBER 1976 "ABOUT A HALF A DOZEN" TAIWANESE
MERCHANT SEAMEN HAVE "JUMPED SHIP" IN PENANG (ALL
WERE CONNECTED WITH A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A
TAIWANESE COMPANY AND THE MALAYSIAN STATE FISHING
COMPANY MAJUIKAN). ALL OF THEM HAVE REQUESTED
THAT THE GOM SEND THEM TO THE PRC, ALTHOUGH RAZALI
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SAID THAT THERE WERE NATIVE TAIWANESE AS WELL AS
MAINLANDERS IN THE GROUP. THUS FAR ONE MAN HAS
BEEN SENT TO THE PRC,BUT THE REST ARE STILL BEING
HELD BY THE GOM PENDING A DECISION ABOUT WHAT TO
DO WITH THEM.

2. RAZALI SAID THAT THE GOM WAS CONCERNED THAT

A PATTERN IS DEVELOPING IN THESE DEFECTIONS AND
WANTS TO KNOW IF WE HAVE HEARD OF SIMILAR ACTIVITIES
AT OTHER POSTS. ALTHOUGH RAZALI DID NOT SAY
DIRECTLY HOW THE GOM INTERPRETED THIS WHOLE AFFAIR,
HE IMPOIED THAT THERE WAS CONCERN THAT MALAYSIA
WAS BEING USED TO INSERT TAIWANESE AGENTS INTO
THE PRC.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPT.
OR OTHER POSTS MIGHT HAVE ON SIMILAR ACTIVITY.
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